Sl. No.	Names and address
10	Shri Muljibhai Chavada, Nawaturala, Rajkot-2.
11	Shri Sudhir R. Joshi, Laxumiwadi Street No. 1, Rajkot.
12	Shri Jayanti Kundaliya, Rajkot.
13	Shri Manibhai Rampera, M.L.A., Soni Bazar, Rajkot.
14	Shri Suryakant Sheth, 2-Panchanath Plot, Rajkot.

Pending applications for telephones

2724. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for telephone connections pending in the country at present, zone-wise;

(b) steps being taken to clear those applications; and

(c) by when the clearance is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The information as on 31-10 1985 is given in the attached statement.

(b) The existing telephone exchanges are being expanded wherever feasible and the new ones are being opened to provide telephone connections depending upon the availability of Equipment, cables and other materials.

(c) The present waiting list is expected to be cleared progressively during the 7th Five Year Plan, subject to the availability of adequate resources.

Statement

Sl. No.	Telecom. Circles serving States, including Telephone Districts	Waiting List as on 31-10-85
	EAST ZONE :	
1	Bihar (Patna)	8221
2	North East (Gauhati District)	7622
3	Orissa	4438
4	West Bengal (Calcutta)	33513
	TOTAL	53794
	NORTH ZONE :	
5	J & K	8219
6	Madhya Pradesh (Including Indore)	27658
7	North West (Including Amritsar, Chandigarh, Jullundur & Ludhiana)	61462
8	Uttar Pradesh (Including Agra, Allahabad, Lucknow, Kanpur & Varanasi)	42465
9	Rajasthan (Including Jaipur District)	29310
10	Delhi	156263
	TOTAL	325377

Sl. No.	Names and addresses	
SOUTH ZONE :		
11	Andhra Pradesh (Including Hyderabad, Vijayawada Districts)	59882
12	Karnataka (Bangalore)	44764
13	Kerala (Including Calicut, Ernakulam and Trivandrum)	65625
14	Tamil Nadu (Including Coimbatore, Madras and Madurai)	69381
	TOTAL	239652
WEST ZONE :		
15	Gujarat (Including Ahmedabad, Baroda, Rajkot and Surat)	103100
16	Maharashtra (Including Bombay, Nagpur and Pune)	273785
	TOTAL ;	376885
	GRAND TOTAL	995708

Import of Banned Chemicals

2725. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many chemicals which are banned in the exporting countries are being imported to India;

(b) whether there is any legislation to prevent the import of such chemicals; and

(c) if not, what steps Government are taking to prohibit import of such chemicals by enacting a law in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Government is not aware of such instances of import of chemicals.

(b) and (c) Under the Central Insecticides Act, Pesticides and Insecticides, not registered for use in the country, cannot be imported. Apart from this, the Import Export Policy regulates in general, the import of all items, including chemicals, into the country.

Oil and gas Pipeline Communication Equipment

2726. DR. SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether ITI has gone for collaboration with Japan for manufacture of oil and gas pipeline communication equipment and what will be the investments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): Yes, Sir. The investment required towards capital outlay will be about Rs. 1.7 crores.

Orders for Capital goods to Foreign Countries

2727. SHRI N.E. BALARAM:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in recent months after liberalisation of import policy even the Public Sector Companies